



**Project Number:** 05N116-03

**Project Start Date:** 1/1/2007

**Project Completion Date:** 30/06/2009

## Project Description

This project will build upon the significant investment made by state and federal governments, landholders and the private sector into making the growing and processing of oil mallees a viable industry. This will provide the incentive to landholders to practice sound land management activities by revegetating with a local native species – the oil mallee, for harvesting and production of Eucalyptus oil. Much of the planning and resource assessment work has been completed and funds are required for further on-ground work to establish additional mallee resources and to refine the harvesting and processing technologies.

This project is widely supported by state and local governments, community NRM groups and by the landholders in the proposed project areas. This project will:

- Contribute to the existing mallee resource, adding approximately 1.485 million trees to the landscape and bring existing plantations back into production
- Improve the efficiencies of the harvesting and processing technologies to make growing, harvesting and distilling mallees a viable industry

Once proven, this model can then be adopted in many other locations throughout the Northern Agricultural Region, contributing to sustainable land management on a regional scale. This project will assist in addressing serious threats to natural resources, contribute to sustainable farming practices and will also generate new employment opportunities in rural areas.

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**Total IP2 Funding:** \$515,000

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